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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1821.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 25, 1821, the members present were, — Davis, Lowell, Mitchell, Savage, Shaw, and T. L. Winthrop.

Judge DAVIS, from the Committee appointed to attend the centenary celebration at Plymouth, and to express to the Pilgrim Society the congratulations of this Society on that interesting occasion, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them.

Voted, That a copy of the Collections be presented to the Pilgrim Society.

Mr. TYNG having procured for the Society, from Mr. Hayes, the possessor, the manuscript of Washington's Address to the officers of the American army in 1783;

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary present the thanks of the Society to Mr. Tyng, and through him to Mr. Hayes, for this valuable document; that it be placed among the manuscripts, and not be taken from the Library but with the consent of the Society.*

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to defray the expense which has accrued in binding the manuscript.

Voted, That the list of donations to the town of Boston after the passing of the Boston Port Bill, communicated by Mr. Savage, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That Alden Bradford, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir on the late Hon. Joshua Thomas for the Collections.†

Hon. Jeremiah Mason, of Portsmouth, was nominated a Corresponding Member of the Society by the President.

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* This was the original manuscript of Washington's Newburg Address, March 15, 1783. It was published in heliotype *fac-simile* by the Society in 1876. — EDS.

† Mr. Thomas, elected a member in October, 1808, died Jan. 10, 1821. Mr. Bradford's memoir of him is in 2 Collections, X. 1–6. — EDS.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1821.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 26, 1821, — the members present were, Clap, Davis, Everett, Gray, Hedge, Holmes, Harris, Lowell, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Tudor, Webster, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop, Merrill, and Mitchell.

Hon. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	President.
CHARLES LOWELL	„	Recording Secretary.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	„	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	„	Treasurer.
ELISHA CLAP, Esq.	„	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq. . .	„	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Dr. FREEMAN T. L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JOHN PIERCE WILLIAM TUDOR, Esq.	. . were chosen	Standing Committee.

R. Webster, Esq., and F. C. Gray, Esq., were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. Clap, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Savage were appointed a committee to procure the pamphlets, which are sorted and are entered in the Catalogue, to be bound.

Hon. Jeremiah Mason was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Hon. Daniel Webster, Rev. William Jenks, and James Bowdoin, Esq., were nominated Resident Members.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 27, 1821, — the members present were, Bradford, Clap, Davis, Hale, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Merrill, Prince, Ripley, Savage, Saltonstall, Shaw, Tucker, Webster, T. L. Winthrop, and T. Pickering (Corresponding).

Hon. Daniel Webster, Rev. William Jenks, and James Bowdoin, Esq., were chosen Resident Members.

Gamaliel Bradford, Esq., was chosen on the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, in the place of Mr. Gray, absent. The Committee made the following report: —

The subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Historical Society to examine the accounts of James Savage, Esq., their Treasurer, having duly proceeded therein, find the accounts are correctly cast and well vouched, and that in the hands of the Treasurer remains the balance of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty-two cents.

R. Webster.
G. Bradford.

The report was accepted.

The President communicated a letter from Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., relative to collecting memoirs of the graduates of Harvard College. Committed to Mr. Tyng, Mr. Savage, Dr. Harris, Mr. W. Winthrop, and Dr. Holmes, to report at the next meeting.*

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* The following is Mr. Tyng's letter:—

"Boston, 28th August, 1821.

"Dear Sir, — I have lately observed in the public papers several sugges tions on the subject of collecting memoirs of the graduates at Harvard College.

Dr. HOLMES, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SAVAGE, and Mr. NICHOLS were chosen, by ballot, the Publishing Committee.

Dr. PRINCE was excused from serving on the Committee for taking the height of Beacon Hill.

Mr. WEBSTER, Mr. GRAY, and Mr. SNELLING were appointed to confer with the proprietors of the Boston Library relative to closing the Arch.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 25, 1821, — the members present were, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Freeman, Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Savage, Shaw, R. Webster.

A map of Rochester, by Mr. Holmes, with several communications by the Corresponding Secretary, were referred to the Publishing Committee.

FRANCIS C. GRAY, Esq., was chosen on the Standing Committee in the place of James Winthrop, Esq., deceased.

Whether any measures have been actually commenced in relation to this object I know not. If not, the sooner a beginning is made the better: the task is every day growing more difficult. It seems naturally to come within the purposes for which the Historical Society was instituted. If a committee of the Society could be selected who would undertake the collecting, arranging, and perhaps publishing from time to time, such memorials as may yet be obtained, much might be effected.

"I submit this suggestion to your consideration, being, with great regard, your faithful friend and servant,

"DUDLEY A. TYNG.

"Hon. J. DAVIS, President of the
Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

Voted, That Alden Bradford, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of Judge Winthrop for the Collections.*

The Committee on the subject of collecting memoirs of the graduates of Harvard College reported progress, and obtained leave to continue their attention to that object.

The aid of the Society having been requested in publishing an additional volume of Hutchinson's History, which is in the possession of the Hutchinson family in Great Britain, —

Voted, That the President, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Holmes, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Gray be a committee to take the subject into consideration, and adopt such measures as they shall deem expedient.

Voted, That Dr. Freeman, Mr. Clap, and Mr. Merrill be requested to prepare the index for the second series of the Collections, and that the Publishing Committee reserve as much space in the tenth volume for its insertion, and any additional matter, as the first-named committee shall deem sufficient.

Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., was nominated a Resident Member, by the Standing Committee; Nathaniel A. Haven, Jr., Esq., of Portsmouth, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Merrill; Mr. John Farmer, by Dr. Freeman; and Sir Walter Scott, by Mr. Savage.

Meeting dissolved.

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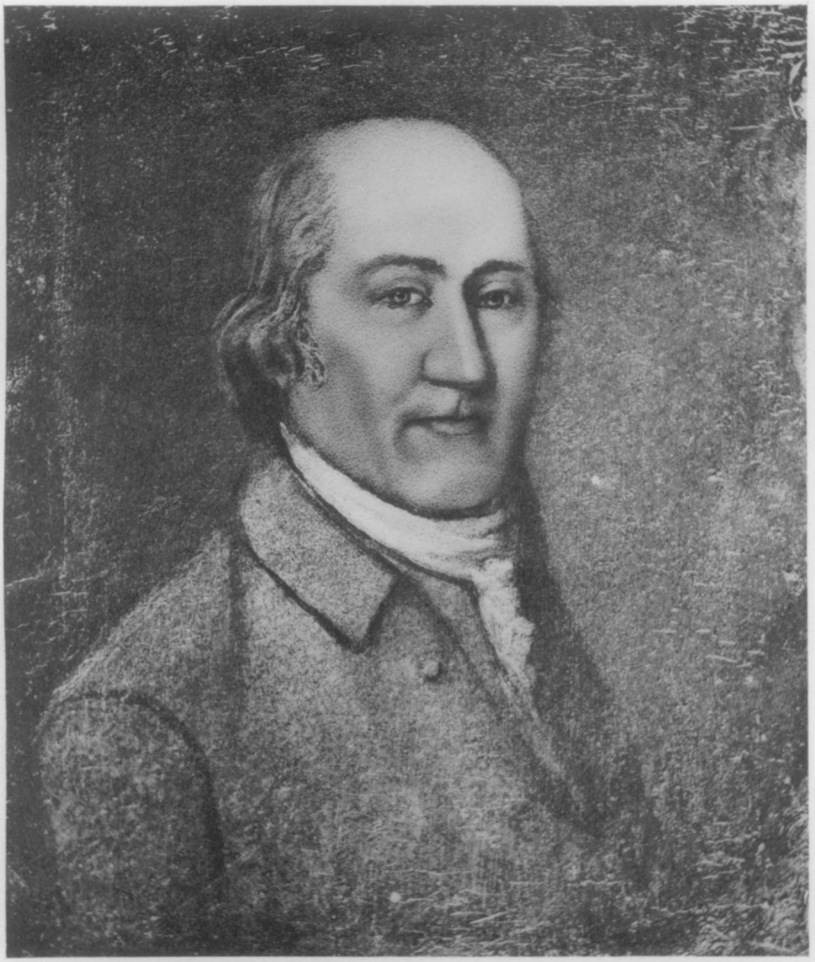
* Hon. James Winthrop, one of the original members of the Society, died Sept. 26, 1821. Mr. Bradford's memoir of him is in 2 Collections, X. 77–80. — Eds.



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Report of a seal for the Historical Society.

Agreeably to a vote of the Historical Society, that I should prepare a device for a seal to be used on their Diplomas & other public acts, I beg leave to propose the following, of which a very rough sketch accompanies this report.

An Antiquary sitting on a ruin, & copying an inscription from the pedestal of an Obelisk. Beyond the obelisk appears an ancient wall & gateway, & behind the wall a pyramid. On the ruins of a decayed portico appear before part of the pyramid, & are seen together with some scattered fragments of columns behind the Antiquary. The legend, "Massachusetts Historical Society. 1794. E Vetustate Lux." ——

James Winthrop

Cambridge 3 Jan. 1795